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Please find enclosed for filing:

- ✓ Amendment, 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (with amended Specification, amended Claims, amended Abstract and Remarks)
- ✓ Petition for Extension, 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) – two months.
- ✓ Check for \$420.00, as fee for two month extension.
- ✓ Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1679 for any additional fees necessary to maintain the application pending. This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.
- ✓ Other: Return receipt postcard

Respectfully submitted,

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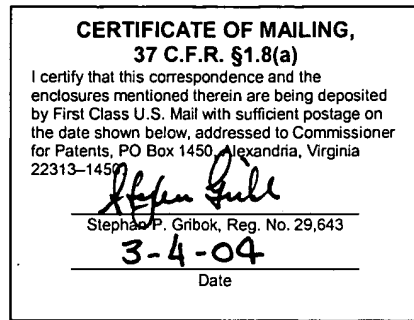
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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the official action mailed October 8, 2003 (Paper No. 4). This response includes:

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- Amended claims 1-3, on pages 2-3 hereof.
- Amendments to the specification (pages 4-17) and an amended Abstract (page 18) on a separate page. The changes to the specification, claims and abstract are limited to grammatical and idiomatic corrections. No new matter is presented.
- Remarks, pages 19-25.
- Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (two months) and required fee (\$420).
- A transmittal letter containing a contingent charge authorization.
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